

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NANCI SOLO and ERIK COLAN,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:21-cv-05316-NM-TAM

Hon. Nina Morrison

**DECLARATION OF MOLLY M. LENS  
IN SUPPORT OF MARVEL  
CHARACTERS INC.'S LOCAL RULE  
56.1 STATEMENT OF MATERIAL  
FACTS IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION  
FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

NANCI SOLO and ERIK COLAN,

Counterclaimants,

v.

MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC. and DOES  
1-10, inclusive,

Counterclaim-Defendants.

I, Molly M. Lens, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, counsel for plaintiff Marvel Characters, Inc. ("MCI") in this action, and a member of the Bar of this Court. I submit this declaration based on my personal knowledge and review of the documents referenced herein. If called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. In support of MCI's Local Rule 56.1 Statement, I state as follows:

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of MCI's Pre-Motion Conference Letter to Magistrate Judge Taryn A. Merkl dated August 30, 2022.

4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of excerpts (pages 1-3, 74-98, 159-160, 179) from the Certified Transcript of Nanci Solo's October 28, 2022 Deposition.

5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of Gene Colan's Administrative File with the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, King's County.

6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of excerpts (pages 4-5, 34-35) from Tom Field's biography *Secrets in the Shadows: The Art & Life of Gene Colan*.

7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of excerpts (pages 1-2, 15, 18) from the Certified Transcript of Gene Colan's "Comicology" Interview.

8. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of Defendant Nanci Solo's Responses and Objections to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admission to Nanci Solo.

9. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** is a true and correct copy of Defendant Erik Colan's Responses and Objections to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admission to Nanci Solo.

10. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 8** is a true and correct copy of MCI's Complaint, with termination notices attached thereto, dated September 24, 2021.

11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 9** is a true and correct copy of Nanci Solo and Erik Colan's Amended Answer and Counterclaim, with termination notices attached thereto, dated December 15, 2021.

12. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 10** is a true and correct copy of MCI's Supplemental Complaint, with termination notice attached thereto, dated April 1, 2022.

13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 11** is a true and correct copy of Nanci Solo, Erik Colan, and Rachel Waldman's "Alternate" Termination Notices, dated November 15, 2022.

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 12** is a true and correct copy of The New York Times' Corrections to Gene Colan's Obituary, dated June 29, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and was executed on December 2, 2022 in Los Angeles, CA.

By: 

Molly M. Lens